

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17-18 were pending in the present application prior to the Advisory Office Action. In the above amendments, claims 15, 17, and 18 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1-14 will be pending in this application. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

I. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 15, 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wallace, U.S. Patent No. 6,473,467.

Claims 15, and 17-18 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kogiantis U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/008611.

Claims 15, 17 and 18 have been cancelled and the rejection with respect to these claims is now moot.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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